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Holes on Semiconductor Masks

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The following is a response to the Examiner's Action dated September 9, 2005. The response is believed to be timely filed in that it is being filed within one month of the date of mailing of the Action.

The Action indicates that a restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- Claims 1-16, drawn to OPC based on zones, classified in class 716, subclass 19.
- II. Claims 17-29, drawn to OPC based on repeating patterns, classified in class 716, subclass 21.

Applicants hereby elect Group I to be examined. Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional or continuation applications directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming the benefit of this application under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-16 are in condition for consideration and examination. No fee is deemed necessary with the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any over payments due with this response to deposit account 13-0480 referencing attorney docket number 87092291-242024.

Respectfully Submitted,

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